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**“There can be no keener measure of a society than how it treats its children” \*Nelson Mandela\***

*How do the ideals of social justice, collaboration, critical self –evaluation and diversity align with our course objectives and outcomes, and pertain to us in role as pedagogues?*

The ideals of social justice, collaboration, critical self-evaluation and diversity align with our course objectives and outcomes in a series of ways. As future teachers this course is creating a foundation for all of the above and teaching us that without one you can’t have the other. Our course objectives invite us to research a topic that is interfering with the education of children and in turn find a solution.

Social Justice is needed for both the educators and the students. In order to give the child the nest education possible first the educators must put the needs of the child first. Social justice is needed to put a stop to child abuse and violence against children.

Collaboration is a valuable much needed resource in every classroom including this one. With collaboration learning is endless. This course allows us to join the Wiki and collaborate information with our peers. We also have access to blackboard and I just learned that we can web chat with our professor and classmates at the same time. This is exciting and new for me. Blackboard also allows us to share information that we might think is very useful with our peers as well by adding useful links.

Critical self-evaluation is the ability to reflect on ones own work. I believe that by assigning us this action research paper pushes us to critically reflect on trials and tribulations faced by children everyday and what other educators and professionals have done to address it. We must come up with our own remedy and reflect on what works for our particular topic and what doesn’t work with it.

Diversity in the classroom is huge. Everyone is different in there own way and must be respected. Our classroom is extremely diverse. We have educators and future educators. Educators have the advantage because they are experiencing it first hand. While the future educators are hypothesizing and learning the dos and don’ts. One should not look down on the other because of their status or viewpoints. We are together to learn from one another. Children in the classrooms experience diversity on a daily basis and need to be taught how to deal with it but it starts and ends with us.